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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
 - A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
 - No additional fee is required.

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TOTAL CLAIMS FEE	8	-20	23	**	0	LG=\$18 SM=\$9	\$18	\$ 0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE	7	-3	3	***	4	LG=\$86 SM=\$43	\$84	\$ 344
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS						LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$280 SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$140	\$ 0	
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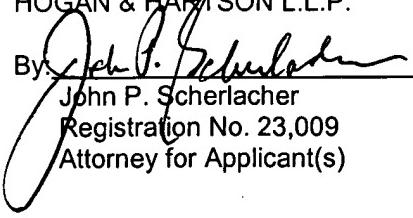
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- Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims
- Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17

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